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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were mostly trending unchanged, but higher in the Northeast with a steady to fully steady trade sentiment, steady elsewhere. Retail demand was light to moderate with few features present to help movement. Food service was moderate to good, best for fast food. Supplies were adequate to ample with the Northeast well balanced to tight on 3 to 3.5 sizes. In the parts structure, breast items were adequate to ample with some reduced pricing. Dark meat was mixed, mostly sufficient, and wings were more available, but moving, with interest tapering in some areas. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 11/06-11/10/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Chicago	47.00-51.00	46.00-64.00	50.68	25
Los Angeles	66.00			
New York	51.00-54.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	60.00-62.00	48.00-64.00	61.36	85

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRERELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
613	57.40-62.15	61.20
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	132.50	4,225
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.00	1,195
THIGH MEAT - B/S	82.50	735
LEG QUARTERS	29.50	8,280
WINGS	73.00	2,811

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into Chicago were unchanged from last Monday's final. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Offerings of additional product were adequate for the mostly disinterested buyers. Retail movement was very light to moderate at best. Food service demand was moderate to very good into fast food accounts and light to moderate for other food service outlets. Floor stocks balanced to heavy. Sizes were desirable and trending on the heavy side of the range. In the parts complex, supplies of whole breasts balanced with the remainder of items moderate to heavy. Market activity was generally slow to inactive with discounts noted on boneless/skinless breasts and tenders. Trade sentiment unsettled, undertone weak on boneless/skinless breasts and leg quarters, weak on tenders and steady on all other items.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was generally steady. Trading for next week's deliveries reported at generally unchanged prices. Offerings easily adequate for the moderate buyer interest. Retailer demand fairly good overall, best to cover features. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Ads noted: Southern California - California grown whole body 57-79 and cut-up 149, leg quarters 29-39 (in 10 pound bags), whole legs 88-129, wings 99-129, thighs 69-

129, drumsticks 69-129, split breasts 99, boneless breasts 167-499, boneless leg meat 118, roasters 119, ducklings 149, cornish hens 149 (in twin pack), [one day sales - leg quarters in 10 pound bags 28, boneless breasts 168 and drumettes 119]; Northern California - whole body California grown 59, whole legs 99, drumsticks 149, thighs 99-149, wings 149, roasters 99, boneless breasts 329-399; Denver - leg quarters 29 (tray pack), thighs 49, drumsticks 49, split breasts 89 and

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers continued mostly fair to no better than moderate as dealers maintained a cautious posture entering the weekend. Offerings of the 2.5 and 4 pound birds specifically, ranged at least adequate to available. However, the 3 to 3.5 pound sizes were well balanced to closely cleared. Movement into retail and distributive channels was moderate at best. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts market, boneless skinless breasts remained fully adequate, and bone-in breasts were about adequate to at times available. Dark meat items were more than sufficient and wings were at least adequate for the tapering interest.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was no better than moderate with light trading and little optimism for next week. Supplies were more than sufficient to satisfy the mainly fulfilled trade needs. In the parts structure, tenders were in the longest position and slow to clear. The remaining items were at least adequate with light interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as moderate entering the weekend. Offerings were fully adequate on the 2.5 pound sizes, well balanced to tight on the 3.0 and 3.5 pound sizes and ample on larger sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy and often heavier than desired. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 55 to 69 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, supplies of all items were fully sufficient for the often cautious buying interest.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	52-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	57.71
NO. OF BOXES	12,093
CUMULATIVE	
10/23/00-10/27/00	57.31
10/25/99-10/29/99	59.80
NO. OF BOXES	
10/23/00-10/27/00	66,244
10/25/99-10/29/99	43,455

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

NOVEMBER 02, 2000

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

NOVEMBER 03, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	852	105.00-200.00	145-155	154.25	1,029	110.00-197.00	140-150	148.37	4,592	151.78
TENDERLOINS	156	190.00-255.00	190-200	200.21	237	190.00-205.00	190-195	191.90	877	208.95
BREAST - LINE RUN	109	72.00-74.00	-	72.77					619	73.54
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT							395	75.30
LEGS	46	33.00-48.00	33-35	34.96	46	33.00-48.00	33-35	34.96	270	34.67
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	937	23.00-29.50	24-26	25.89	937	24.00-27.00	25-26	25.98	3,375	25.89
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,919	26.00-30.00	27-28	27.29	1,279	26.00-29.00	27-28	27.34	6,436	27.24
WINGS (WHOLE)	303	69.00-75.00	72-75	72.09	272	70.00-75.00	70-72	71.77	1,299	72.53
WINGS (CUT)	529	85.00-107.00	85-88	87.12	583	81.00-101.00	85-87	85.80	2,724	87.34
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT								TFEWR
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT								TFEWR
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT							204	73.17

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR NOV 02, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE**

47.50 - 54.25

AVERAGE

50.93

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR NOV 03, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE**

48.00 - 52.50

AVERAGE

50.49

5-DAY**AVERAGE**

50.54

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS. Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair entering the weekend as dealers cautiously monitored developments and kept inventories closely balanced with the limited demand. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts remained fully adequate, and breasts were at least adequate to at times available. Wings were usually sufficient and dark meat items were more than adequate. Movement into retail and distributive channels was no better than fair. The market tone was about steady.

ICE PKD B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO 1ST RCVRs IN POOL TRKLT & TRKLT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

ITEM	NOV 02, 2000			NOV 03, 2000			WEEKLY	TRADING*
	CURRENT NEG	WTD	10/12/00	CURRENT NEG	WTD			
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	AVG**VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS		
BREAST - B/S	120-125	124.97	644,480	120-125	126.62	690,290	124.93	3,625,670
TENDERLOINS	185-190	200.10	175,920	185-190	193.48	188,280	204.90	878,286
BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	70.08	345,160	62-63	70.01	333,560	70.10	1,719,080
BREAST - LINE RUN	62	65.23	234,000	62	67.00	144,040	66.34	1,170,120
LEGS	35-36	37.58	319,880	35-36	38.60	268,240	38.66	1,388,720
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26-27	27.55	534,171	26-27	27.65	668,601	28.18	3,007,962
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	36.64	244,130	29-30	37.74	219,350	37.19	1,199,980
THIGHS	30-31	35.11	190,372	30-31	36.20	193,700	34.46	1,053,122
B/S THIGHS	76-77	75.31	73,960	76-77	79.51	65,160	78.29	294,500
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	78.92	344,860	70-71	79.14	444,600	79.47	1,883,719
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.15	107,760	10-12	12.08	115,000	12.05	527,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.92	88,360	35-40	39.54	101,360	39.13	447,290
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	54.43	120,280	50-55	54.75	138,960	54.58	616,330

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		ACTUAL		AVG	
	11/03	11/02	11/01	10/31	11/01	10/31	10/27	10/25	11/01	10/25
ALA	3,808	3,961	3,935	3,965	5.01	5.09	3,898	5.05		
ARK	5,120	5,221	5,117	5,236	4.90	4.93	5,490	4.96		
DELMARVA	2,109	2,361	2,280	2,289	5.13	5.08	2,219	5.17		
KY-LA-TN	1,912	1,986	1,986	1,955	4.46	4.55	1,924	4.46		
MISS	2,697	2,856	2,818	2,786	5.08	5.05	3,248	5.07		
NC	2,677	2,652	2,610	2,557	5.84	6.01	2,607	5.81		
TEXAS	2,347	2,362	2,357	2,372	4.76	4.78	2,283	4.86		
TOTAL	20,670	21,399	21,103	21,160	5.03	5.06	21,669	5.06		
MON-FRI	105,666(A)						103,530(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03 & 04-Nov 00 is estimated to be 30,925,000 down 0.80 percent from a week ago and down 4.7 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 32,436,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 04-Nov-00 is estimated to be 153,190,000 head down 0.5 percent from a week ago, and down 1.0 percent from a year ago (Last week 153,982,000 Last year 154,731,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	74
DUCKS	129
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	102-103
DRY PACK	92-94
ROASTERS 4# & UP	106-112
ICE PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	94
ICE PACK	94
DRY PACK	149-165
DUCKS	

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Oct. 21, 2000 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	33,328	32,262	40,955
Avg Weight	3.81	4.82	6.32
% of total /1	31%	30%	38%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	36,288	43,626	41,291
Avg Weight	3.67	4.76	6.20
% of total /1	30%	36%	34%
Same week, yr ago /2	32,611	26,489	43,033
Avg Weight	3.78	4.85	6.05
% of total /1	32%	26%	42%
To date/2000	1,389,499	1,405,549	1,693,045
To date/1999	1,339,127	1,313,967	1,720,353

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 28-Oct-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG LIGHT HEAVY TOTAL
CHICKENS HENS HENS HENS DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----

HEAD	153,982(A)	1,829	1,492	3,321	383
AVG WT	5.14	3.44	7.95	5.47	6.80
LAST WEEK	156,273	1,463	1,813	3,276	470
YR AGO	152,012	2,024	1,581	3,605	446
AVG WT	4.97	3.40	7.93	5.38	6.76
TO-DATE/2000	6,650,638	81,624	62,695	144,319	19,210
TO-DATE/1999	6,528,907	89,552	60,983	150,535	18,996

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.9 million head or 4.0 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: OCT 31, 2000

	RANGE			RANGE	
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.48 -	.80	Silkie	3.00 -	3.50ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.46 -	.74	Geese 9-14 LBS	.20 -	.32
Pekin Ducks	.30 -	.42	Pigeons	1.75 -	2.50ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.45 LBS	.20 -	.36	White Pigeons	2.00 -	2.75ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.40 -	.72	Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.60 -	1.04
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.50 -	.78	Rabbits 7-11 LBS	.60 -	.84
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.60 -	1.00	Bunnies	1.00 -	4.50ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LB	.40 -	.92	Guinea Pigs	.10 -	3.25ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.10 -	1.65	Doves	2.50 -	3.50ea.
Banty Roosters	2.00 -	5.50ea.	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.50 -	.74
Banty Hens	1.00 -	3.50a.			
Leghorn Hens	.12 -	.18	Total Coops Sold	674	
Leghorn Roosters	.30 -	.34			

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 30-OCT-2000

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY	122-124	123-125

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

RANGE	MOSTLY	
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	68-70	69-70
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-83	67-75

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was mostly moderate to at times fairly good. Sizes were desirable. Schedules were full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.35, boneless legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in leg at \$1.45-1.70, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, and leg quarters at \$1.15-1.28, livers at \$1.25-1.50.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 30-OCT-2000

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	121-123	124
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO

ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
SEPTEMBER 23	157.0	150.2	105	5.03
30	157.3	150.2	105	4.96
OCTOBER 7	155.8	150.9	103	5.16
14	152.3	150.8	101	5.07
21	158.2	151.5	104	4.97
28	155.9	151.9	103	5.14
YEAR TO DATE	6734.0	6604.6	102	
NOVEMBER 4		150.2		
11		147.1		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	11/04/00	10/28/00	% CHG	11/06/99	% CHG
Broilers	153,190	153,982*	-01	154,731*	-01
Cattle	684	712	-04	691*	-01
Hogs	2,098	2,045	+03	2,114*	-01

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices usually ranged about unchanged, however majority trading on heavy canners were generally higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to good mostly good on heavies. Supplies were occasionally short to in close balance. Processing schedules were normal. Undertone was at least steady on lights and fully steady on heavy canners.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
25-27 MAJORITY	25.75-29 MAJORITY 27.5-28.75

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
25-29.5 MAJORITY 25-27.5	27.75-31 MAJORITY 28.5-29.75

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were usually adequate for normal processors schedules. Demand was light to moderate even though most buyers were unaggressive. Finished product sales were clearing with an improved buying interest. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate or better supplies of leghorn hens. Finished sales were moderate. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate for current needs. Demand was light to mostly moderate. Slaughter schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

HEAVY	RANGE	MAJORITY
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0	(1)
Eastern Light	0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0-.25	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate. Offerings were irregular and ranged from adequate to ample for processing schedules which were reported as normal. Supplies of finished product were occasionally short to about adequate and clearing easily. The market tone was about steady to steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of heavy hens to processing plants. Finished sales were moderate to instances good for seasonal movement. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked desired schedules. Offerings generally adequate.

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